

formal journalism department or program and the teachers who dedicate their time to foster their students' creativity. From story design to photography training, the fundamentals of journalism and the basics of business are taught through the creation of *The Paisano*.

San Antonio has benefited greatly from the diverse Paisano staff who then entered the workforce to become lawyers, accountants, school teachers, poets, writers, environmental researchers, advertising specialists and editors. I congratulate this newspaper on their 30th anniversary and wish for its continued success.

LINWOOD WARWICK TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a considerable privilege for me to rise and pay honor to the career of Mr. Linwood Warwick. Aside from being a loving husband, and a caring father of six children, Mr. Warwick was a dedicated musical educator who mentored and inspired his students for nearly a half-century.

Lin Warwick is a native of Colorado's San Luis Valley, an area in which he had a profound impact teaching music for forty-seven years at Alamosa, Centauri and Sangre de Cristo Schools. His quality as a musical instructor is illustrated by the countless trophies his bands have been awarded throughout the years. 36 marching trophies in all. The state of Colorado recently inducted Warwick into the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame as a token of appreciation for his enduring legacy as an excellent music educator in the San Luis Valley. Though Mr. Warwick has retired from teaching music, his passion for the art still burns strong as he still participates as a member in multiple bands.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor for me to stand and acknowledge the career of Mr. Linwood Warwick. A man who chose to give so much back to the community he was raised in; the school districts in the San Luis Valley will ever be indebted to an educator who strived to bring the most out of everyone he worked with.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB" S. CAULK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert "Bob" Caulk, who has been a dynamic activist and practitioner of quality health care for more than forty-five years; the last twenty of which have been devoted to the Sacramento region. As he retires as the Chief Executive Officer of The Effort, Inc., I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob for his endless service to the Sacramento community.

For the better part of five decades, Bob has served a leadership role at a number of health and human service agencies, such as Maryland's Department of Social Services and San

Diego's Human Services Department. In 1991, Bob moved to Sacramento where he served as Director of Health and Human Services for Sacramento County. Following his tenure with Sacramento County, Bob served as the Executive Director for the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) and became instrumental in helping almost double CARES' annual budget from \$2.8 million to \$5.4 million.

In 2001, Bob took over the non-profit Family Services Agency and, in 2005, merged that counseling intervention organization with the primary health care services non-profit, The Effort. Today, The Effort Community Health Center has nine sites and provides primary care services, addiction treatment, mental health treatment, and crisis intervention throughout the Sacramento region. Without his vision and strong leadership, The Effort would not be the multifaceted and well-renowned network of community clinics it is today. Due to Bob's success, he has been able to establish meaningful partnerships with Sutter Health and the UC Davis Health System. For instance, in 2009, Sutter Health issued a two-year, one million dollar grant, to The Effort to help the organization cover costs associated with medical care and mental health care visits in the Sacramento area. In 2010, The Effort was awarded \$500,000 in federal funding to cover construction costs of a new primary health care clinic in North Highlands. These are only two of many examples where Bob's hard work has demonstrated how much he and the organization have grown under his tenure.

In addition to serving as director of various health care non-profits, Bob made time to serve on a number of non-profit boards, such as of the American Leadership Forum Board of Directors. Bob's tireless effort to improve access to quality care to the underserved has not gone unnoticed. In 1997, he was named Outstanding Public Administrator by the American Society for Public Administration, Sacramento Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, as Bob, his wife Bette, family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate his retirement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this pioneering man for his many years of service to the Sacramento community.

NO DOMESTIC AIRLINE FATALITIES IN 2010 IS WELCOME NEWS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, despite recent news that air traffic control errors have risen, I want to recognize the air traffic controllers, pilots, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and others in the commercial aviation industry on news that there were no commercial airline fatalities in 2010. This marks the third year over the past four years that there were no deaths attributable to commercial aviation.

Last year there were more than 10 million domestic flights, carrying more than 700 million passengers. According to the National Transportation Safety Board, during this time, only 14 passengers suffered serious injuries and there were no major accidents.

The commercial aviation safety record in the U.S. is a result of safety-minded aviation professionals throughout our nation. I agree with the FAA that it is incumbent on all parties in the aviation system to identify its risks in order to eliminate or mitigate them.

History has shown that safety improvements are implemented more quickly and effectively when all sectors of the industry work together to develop solutions to identified and agreed upon areas that could use improvement.

I hope that a year from now, I can report again that there were no fatalities and even fewer major injuries attributable to our commercial aviation industry; and, believe this can happen if the airlines, pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, inspectors and the many others who play a role in our aviation industry work together and with the FAA on making safety their top priority.

JOHN VERNA TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pleasure as a Colorado Congressman to rise and give tribute to a man whose vision for the future is only surpassed by the passion he has for his community. Pueblo resident John Verna has selflessly used his own success to enhance the city he resides in, and for his decades of commitment to Southern Colorado he has been recognized as Pueblo's Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Verna is a successful entrepreneur, and a business man with a fruitful career that has involved many pursuits. John Verna owned and operated a landscaping company for more than thirty years, and was a major factor in the development of Lake Pueblo. Even more impressive than Mr. Verna's accomplished record in business is his ability to help the city of Pueblo, Colorado. He has served on the Pueblo Community College Foundation, the Youth Track Academy Advisory Commission, Pueblo City Council and the Pueblo Medal of Honor Foundation. Mr. Verna had such an effect on the Medal of Honor Foundation, that he brought the national convention to Pueblo in 2000. John was also very influential in leading the way for the new Pueblo Convention Center. John Verna's hard work and devotion has helped and improved his community in countless ways. Mr. Verna is a pillar within his community, and for his endless efforts he has been duly recognized as Pueblo's Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to stand and recognize the accomplishments of Mr. John Verna. He is a wonderful example to all citizens of our country, and I congratulate him on his achievement as Pueblo's Citizen of the Year.

HONORING MS. BETTY GADLING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Ms.

Betty Gadling. Known affectionately as "Sister Betty," Ms. Gadling has served Allen Temple Baptist Church for 35 years as the venerable Minister of Music and Performing Arts.

A woman of many talents, Ms. Gadling has traveled the world as a performer, composed and published original pieces, recorded two albums of gospel music, directed numerous choral groups, and produced full-scale productions, such as *The Black Nativity* and *The Celebration of Light*. Through her passion and skill as a music instructor and mentor, she has developed countless programs that inspire our young people in the fields of music appreciation, instrumental instruction, voice lessons, music theory, business of music and ensemble playing.

Her contributions to the Bay Area through the Allen Temple Musical, Cultural and Performing Arts Committee are unmatched, and her musical gifts are only outweighed by her personal commitment to ministry, faith and service. In addition to a long musical career, Ms. Gadling was the first African-American female Sheriff in Contra Costa County, a valued staff member of the University of California, and an employee at Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base (now Travis Air Force Base) while pursuing a degree at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

She has acted as a consultant for youth programs to the American Baptist Conferences, served on the Committee of Musicians and Pastors for the African American Hymnal, and was honored in 2009 as a Cal State East Bay Outstanding Alumnus and a Hampton University Ministers' Conference and the Choir Directors' Organists' Guild Workshop, "Living Legend in Church Music."

Betty is a musical genius and giant. Her creative spirit soars. She has been an inspiration to those whose lives she has touched, including myself. On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Ms. Betty Gadling, I salute you. Thank you for your exceptional contributions to Allen Temple Baptist Church and to residents throughout the Bay Area. I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

HONORING GWENDOLYN E. BOYD

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to have participated in the 22nd Delta Days, an annual Legislative Conference held in our Nation's capital today by the distinguished service organization, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

It is also my honor, during this Black History Month, to recognize a trailblazer in academia and a role model for thousands of Black women, the Honorable Gwendolyn E. Boyd. Due to her accomplishments both in the classroom and in the community, she was recently appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Ms. Boyd was sworn in to this position by Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI.

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. She was educated in

public schools and received a four-year scholarship to attend Alabama State University where she graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. degree in Mathematics with a double minor in Physics and Music. Additionally, Ms. Boyd was the first African American to earn a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University.

Gwendolyn Boyd is an engineer and the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. She was appointed by the President of Johns Hopkins University as Chair of the Diversity Leadership Council, a position she has held since 2001. Ms. Boyd is a member of the Capital City Chapter of The Links, Inc., a Life Member of NAACP, the Alabama State University Alumni Association and the Association of Yale Alumni, as well as a participant in various engineering organizations for minorities.

From 2000–2004 Gwendolyn Boyd served as the 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., an international service sorority with over 200,000 members in over 950 chapters throughout the world. She currently serves along with Patricia Lattimore, former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Administration and Management, as the Sorority's National Social Action Co-Chair. Very active in "giving back" and helping promote an agenda for the positive growth and development of our youth, Ms. Boyd uses her many talents and skills to the benefit of the community. This includes freely sharing her time while she encourages their interests in careers in math, science and engineering and in their overall success.

It is my honor to recognize this accomplished woman and commend her many achievements.

DANIEL JOHN DENNEHY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Daniel John Dennehy, of Del Norte, Colorado, who recently passed away. Daniel was a career sailor in the U.S. Navy, an avid outdoorsman and expert knife maker.

A distinguished member of the United States armed forces, he joined the Navy at a young age and served in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. He retired from active duty in 1970 as a chief petty officer.

Daniel was known worldwide for his expert knowledge in the art of knife-making, and for his highly coveted "Dan-D" knives. During World War II, he crafted and sold knives to Marines as they went into battle. Later in life he started his own knife-making company, Dan-D knives. Dennehy's knives are recognized globally as top of the line outdoor and tactical knives. They have been included in national outdoor and sporting publications and notable public figures such as Clint Eastwood, Barry Goldwater and Steve Miller count themselves as Dan-D knife owners. Most importantly, his knives have been at the front lines of every conflict since World War II. Elite units to include Navy SEALs, Marine Force Recon and Army Special Forces rely on Dan-D knives for their durability and high quality construction.

Daniel was an accomplished writer, an avid reader, hunter, fisher and competitive marksman. He was a regular contributor to numerous publications, writing editorials about various topics including politics and government. He was a lifelong learner and obsessive reader. Daniel was an accomplished marksman, and in the 1970's lent his time as a volunteer deputy sheriff for the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Daniel's significant contributions to his community and his trade, and thank him and his family for his military service.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Major General Vang Pao. General Pao served in the Royal Lao Army and fought alongside the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam war. He passed away Thursday, January 6th, 2011.

General Pao was born December 8, 1929 in the Xiangkuang Province of northeastern Laos. He worked as a farmer in Laos until Japanese forces occupied the region as part of the French Indo-China War. During the conflict he fought alongside fellow Laotians to protect his country against the Japanese invasion. Following the war, Vang Pao continued to serve in the army of the Kingdom of Laos under the King of Laos. General Pao received the honored title of Phagna Norapramok, roughly translated as "Lord Protector of the Country" from the last King of Laos, King Savang Vatthana.

During the 1960s and 1970s, General Pao led the Secret Army, during the Secret War, where they fought against the Pathet Lao and the People's Army of Vietnam to prevent the spread of communism into Southeast Asia. General Pao commanded the Military Region Two where he successfully fought to prevent the capture of this region by the communist forces of the North Vietnamese Army. Additionally, he was an ally of the Central Intelligence Agency and organized 39,000 guerrilla warriors to aid downed American pilots and defend American outposts from the enemy.

After the war, General Pao emigrated to the United States in May of 1975. He actively worked to ensure the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of Hmong and Lao immigrants in America and to ensure equal rights for them. Additionally he worked to help facilitate U.S.-Lao relationships and helped the Hmong community embrace their new identity as Hmong-Americans.

General Vang Pao dedicated his life to fight for freedom and democratic rights for all Southeast Asians. He relentlessly worked to improve the Hmong community and the world around him. General Vang Pao's legacy will not only be his leadership and accomplishments, but first and foremost, his service to his country and community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Vang Pao for his service and dedication to the United States and the Hmong community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Major General Vang Pao.